[Translation]

Supply of Cooking Gas

856. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering any scheme to supply cooking gas through pipelines in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas in Delhi where the above mentioned scheme has already been implemented or proposed to be implemented; and

(d) the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). Presently, there is no proposal to supply LPG through pipeline in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

However, GAIL has taken up a project for the supply of natural gas through pipelines to the domestic and commercial sectors in Delhi. Areas such as Bapanagar, Kakanagar etc. are proposed to be connected in the first phase. Feasibility study for the project has been completed.

[English]

Fair Price Shops in Jammu and Kashmir

857. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the foodrains imported in Jammu and Kashmir through F.C.I. and other agencies during last three years;

(b) the Foodgrains supplied in each district every year through Government agencies during the said period;

(c) the financial loss suffered every year on supply of foodgrains and other rations in the State;

(d) whether there are complaints of inferior quality of rations including wheat and rice, being supplied through ration depots, the steps taken for remedial measures; and

(e) the quantity and value of foodgrains and other rations damaged in the stores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) The foodgrains supplied to J and K during the last three years are indicated below :

(In MTs)

Year	Rice	Wheat
1993-94	1,60,814	1,25,569
1994-95	1,53,966	1,12,427
1995-96	2,79,850	1,05,525

(b) A Statement is annexed.

(c) No financial loss is being suffered on supply of foodgrains by the State Government.

(d) Complaints of inferior quality of foodgrains are sometimes received. There are standing instructions that in case of specific complaints of inferior quality of foodgrains, such inferior quality foodgrains should be got replaced immediately and returned back to FCI godowns.

(e) The quantity and value of foodgrains and other rations damaged in stores is indicated below :

	Commodity	Qty (MTs)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
Jammu Division	(i) Wheat	110	4.49
	(ii) Flour	2.5	1.21
	(iii) Rice	11.4	0.75
Kashmir	(i) Wheat	699	30.00
	(ii) Flour	1514	66.91
	(iii) Rice (IR-8)	2167	121.35
	(iv) Rice (PRI06)	1134	75.41

STATEMENT

Statement indicating districtwise supplies made of foodgrains during the last three years (In MTs)

	District	Rice			Wheat		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Kathua	1344	600	1036	1900	460	437
2.	Jammu	6001	9029	9512	33292	24375	19020
3.	Poonch	1591	872	1524	1667	314	1359
4.	Rajouri	2499	2424	5699	2806	3023	5368
5.	Udhampur	7040	6847	9150	23795	22750	25284